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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CONFIRMATION NO. 4442

In re the application of:

Hitoshi KATO, et al.

Serial No. : 10/066,627

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Examiner : Maria F. Guerrero

For : A Precleaning Method of Precleaning a Silicon Nitride Film
Forming System (as amended)

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003 (Paper No. 10) was due by December 4, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (two months, large entity), and a check including payment of the extension fee, are enclosed, extending the period for response to February 4, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

In response to Paper No. 10, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.